THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) to (f) It has been decided that Government owned telecom companies i.e. MahanagarTelephone NIgam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will route their International Long Distance (ILD) calls through Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) for a period of two years after transfer of management control to the strategic partner as a most favoured customer which would be at market rates.

**ISD/STD/PCOs IN A.P.**

2991. SHRI DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with his Ministry for allotment of ISD/STD/PCOs in Andhra Pradesh as on date and since when, district-wise;

(b) the details of the PCOs allotted in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear all the pending applications for PCOs in the State within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The information is given in the statement (See below/

(b) The details of PCOs allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:—

| Year | STD/ISD PCOs | LOCAL PCOs |
|---|---|---|
| 1999-2000 | 11863 | 5039 |
| 2000-2001 | 14218 | 10183 |
| 2001-2002 | 7155 | 13291 |

(c) The pending applications are planned to be cleared progressively by March, 2003 subject to the applicants fulfilling commercial conditions.

***Statement***

*No. of Applications Pending for Allotment of ISD/STD/PCOs in Andhra Pradesh as on date*

| SI. No | Name of the District | STD/ISD PCOs | | LOCAL PCOs | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | No.of perKJing STD/ISD PCO applications | Date of oldest pending application | No.of pending Local PCO applications | Date of oldest perwJing application |
| 1 | Ananthapur | 44 | 24.11.02 | 252 | 06.07.01 |
| 2 | Chittoor | 163 | 01.10.02 | 72 | 30.09.02 |
| 3 | Cuddapah | 112 | 04.04.02 | 258 | 18.04.02 |
| 4 | Krishna | 2 | 28.10.02 | 914 | 01.06.01 |
| 5 | West Godavari | 15 | 01.10.02 | 118 | 01.10.02 |
| 6 | Hyderabad | 184 | 01.10.02 | 1218 | 01.04.01 |
| 7 | Rangareddy | 95 | 01.10.02 | 129 | 01.04.01 |
| 8 | Adilabad | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 9 | East Godavari | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 10 | Guntur | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 11 | Kahmnagar | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 12 | Khammam | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 13 | Kumool | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 14 | Mahabubnagar | 0 | | 29 | 30.10.02 |
| 15 | Medak | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 16 | Nalgonda | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 17 | Nellore | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 18 | Nizamabad | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 19 | Prakasham | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 20 | Srikakulam | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 21 | Visakhapatnam | 0 | | 0 | - |
| 22 | Vizianagaram | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| 23 | Warangal | 0 | - | 0 | - |